

Official Amendment

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-53, and 123-126 were pending in the present application. Claims 124-125 have been amended. As a result of this amendment, claims 1, 3-53, and 123-126 remain pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying amendment and remarks.

The rejection of claims 124-125 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schreiber (U.S. Patent No. 5,411,606) has been overcome. The examiner stated that “[t]he use of the composition “for a barrier film” is at best a suggested use of the claimed composition and as such cannot be relied upon to fairly further limit the instant composition claims (see MPEP 2115).” Claims 124 and 125 have been amended to remove that limitation and to recite that the corrosion-inhibiting seal is “formed on a coating selected from anodic coatings, phosphating coatings, or black oxide coatings.” Schreiber does not teach or suggest such a seal.

The rejection of claim 126 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schreiber (U.S. Patent No. 5,411,606) is respectfully traversed. While claims 124 and 125 included the phrase “for a barrier film” prior to the current amendment, claim 126 did not. Claim 126 recited that the corrosion-inhibiting seal is “formed on a coating selected from anodic coatings, phosphating coatings, or black oxide coatings.” Therefore, claim 126 is not anticipated by Schreiber.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the above remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that claims 1, 3-53, and 123-126 be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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